

Cultural Heritage Commission
Unofficial Minutes
Thursday, May 4, 2023
200 North Spring Street, City Hall
Los Angeles, California 90012

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The Cultural Heritage Commission’s May 4, 2023 meeting was conducted in person at the Board of Public Works Edward R. Roybal Session Room, Room 350, at Los Angeles City Hall and via telephone and Zoom webinar in a hybrid meeting format.

Commission President Barry Milofsky called the regular meeting to order at 10:06 a.m. with Commission Vice President Gail Kennard, and Commissioners Richard Barron and Diane Kanner in attendance. Commissioner Pilar Buelna was not in attendance.

Also in attendance were Ken Bernstein, Principal City Planner, representing the Director of Planning; Shannon Ryan, Senior City Planner; Lambert Giessinger, Senior Architect; Melissa Jones, City Planning Associate; Kimberly Huangfu, Deputy City Attorney; Linda Lou, Interim Commission Office Manager; and Michael Cheatham and Don Jefferson, Administrative Clerks.

ITEM NO. 1

DIRECTOR’S REPORT AND COMMISSION BUSINESS

Ken Bernstein, Principal City Planner, had several items of interest:

- There have been some significant milestones for the Department’s Community Plan program. The Boyle Heights Community Plan was considered and recommended for approval by the City Planning Commission on April 20th. As part of the package of amendments submitted by City Planning, some additional protections for historic resources were included in the proposed Community Plan Implementation Overlay (or CPIO) following up on discussions at this Commission, such as regulatory protections for eligible districts and other individually-identified historic resources through SurveyLA and the former Adelante Eastside Redevelopment Project Area. These include protections for some of the industrial districts in the Boyle Heights community as well as the Brooklyn Avenue historic corridor (today’s Cesar Chavez Blvd.).
- Two Community Plans that have a high concentration of historic resources – the DTLA 2040 Plan and the Hollywood Community Plan – were considered last week by the Planning and Land Use Management (PLUM) Committee and then were approved yesterday by the full City Council. The implementation ordinances for the two plans will be going to the City Attorney and then will be coming back to the Council later this year. For the Hollywood Community Plan, the Council adopted amendments, which had been recommended by the Cultural Heritage Commission, to provide for additional preservation reviews for properties identified through a survey as individually eligible for designation, as well as stronger demolition findings for National Register and California Register district contributors.

- Last month the California Preservation Foundation held its first in person statewide preservation conference since 2019, and the Office of Historic Resources was well-represented at the conference sessions. Sara Delgadillo, our HistoricPlacesLA manager, joined staff from the Getty Conservation Institute, the City and County of San Francisco, and project consultants for a focused session on Arches, the open source platform used for HistoricPlacesLA, our citywide inventory of historic resources. Lambert Giessinger and Melissa Jones presented at a very well-attended workshop on the Mills Act Historical Property Contract program, examining ways to enhance the program's effectiveness and equity outcomes across the state.
- On City Council and Committee updates, Councilmember Heather Hutt introduced a motion to initiate Historic-Cultural Monument designation of the Cunningham Residence, a 1915 Craftsman home at 1802 S. Crenshaw Blvd., adjacent to the Lafayette Square HPOZ. Once the motion is approved, it will be referred to the Office of Historic Resources to complete a nomination, which will then come before the Commission in the following months.
- The Council has taken action on other Historic-Cultural Monument nominations in the past month. On the Troyer Brothers Four-Flat, a nomination that had been initiated by former Councilmember Paul Koretz, the Council has denied the nomination, reaffirming the recommendation of the Cultural Heritage Commission.

The full Council has unanimously approved two other nominations: The Jablonski Residence, the Tudor Revival residence in Hollywood and the Morris Chernus Apartments, the apartment building in Leimert Park designated by Edith Northman, the nomination for which was initiated by this Commission.

- Finally, the Cornelius Johnson Residence and Olympic Oak was recommended for designation as an Historic-Cultural Monument at this Tuesday's Planning and Land Use Management Committee of the City Council.

Old Business

- There was no old business.

New Business

- There was no new business.
- Advance Calendar – Commission Vice President Kennard noted a planned absence on June 15, 2023.
- Commission Announcements/Requests – Commissioner Barron requested an update on the Pony Rides letter sent to the Department of Recreation and Parks.

ITEM NO. 2

NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

There were no speakers who addressed the Commission during Neighborhood Council presentations.

ITEM NO. 3

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

One speaker addressed the Commission during the general public comment period.

ITEM NO. 4

MONUMENT: EGYPTIAN THEATER AND FORECOURT STOREFRONTS, HCM #584

Plan Area: Hollywood

Council District: 13 – Soto-Martinez

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 6706-6712 Hollywood Boulevard;
1650-1654 North McCadden Place;

Informational presentation on the status of the rehabilitation project and Commission comments on the proposed rooftop digital display.

IN ATTENDANCE: Peyton Hall, Historic Resources Group

ITEM NO. 5

PROPOSED MONUMENT: MOLEN FLATS

CHC-2023-812-HCM

CEQA: ENV-2023-813-CE

Plan Area: Wilshire

Council District: 5 - Yaroslavsky

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 148 – 150 South Orange Drive

IN ATTENDANCE: Charles J. Fisher, Preparer; Theresa Jacobs, Owner.

Commissioner Barron put forth the actions below and moved to not include Molen Flats in the list of Historic-Cultural Monuments.

1. Determine that this property does not conform with the definition of a Monument pursuant to Section 22.171.7 of the Los Angeles Administrative Code; and
2. Not adopt the Findings of the staff report as the Findings of the Commission.

Commission Vice President Kennard seconded the motion and the vote proceeded as follows:

Moved: Barron
Second: Kennard
Aye: Milofsky
Nay: Kanner
Absent: Buelna

Vote: 3 – 1

MOTION PASSED

At approximately 11:15 a.m. Commissioner Kanner left the meeting.

ITEM NO. 6

PROPOSED MONUMENT: HOLLYWOOD SIKH TEMPLE

CHC-2023-2376-HCM

CEQA: ENV-2023-2377-CE

Plan Area: Hollywood

Council District: 4 – Raman

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 1966 North Vermont Avenue; 4624-4636 West Finley Avenue

IN ATTENDANCE: Evanne St. Charles, Architectural Resources Group, Preparer.

Commission Vice President Kennard moved to take the proposed designation of the Hollywood Sikh Temple under consideration, and adopt the Findings of the staff report as the Findings of the Commission.

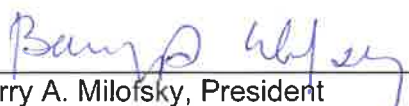
Commissioner Barron seconded the motion and the vote proceeded as follows:

Moved: Kennard
Second: Barron
Aye: Milofsky
Absent: Kanner, Buelna

Vote: 3 – 0

MOTION PASSED

There being no further business before the Commission, President Milofsky adjourned the meeting at 11:34 a.m.


Barry A. Milofsky, President
Cultural Heritage Commission


Bryan Sanchez, Commission Executive Assistant
Cultural Heritage Commission

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